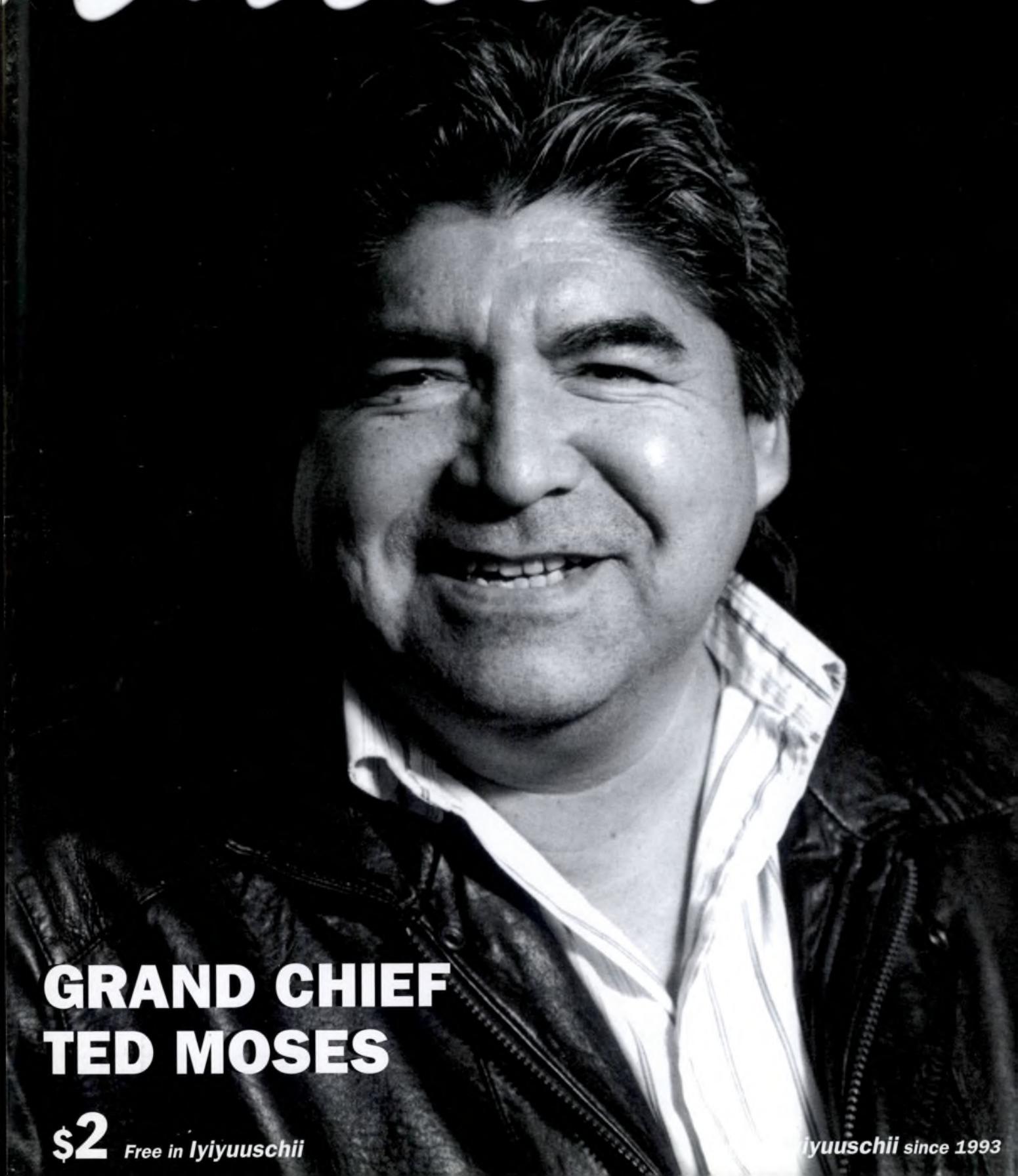


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by William Nicholls

Wise choices you made, oh Cree voters. All 3,123 of you. And a strong message you've sent to those who would tear our Nation asunder, Cree or otherwise.

I have to admit I was a bit worried there for a few days. Even when most of my politically savvy acquaintances predicted that the good Doctor and Mukash had all but won. A late night call from some party in Montreal the night the polls closed had us worried too. "What's the score?" the voice asked. "The score?!" I asked, thinking it was some crank call or a wrong number. And then I understood after recognizing the voice. "We hear Kenny Loon took all of Waskaganish and Romeo's got a lot too." he said. "How many Cree women would vote for a guy named Romeo?" he half joked. (Less than six percent, as it turned out.) I placed a frantic call to a source in Nemaska. He called me back within minutes, "They just started counting the ballots." Wheew.

The numbers in any election speak volumes if you know how to interpret them or look like you can at least fake it.

Let's have a look see at the numbers shall we:

Grand Chief Elect, Dr. Ted Moses: 1,766 votes or 45%. The mighty Dr. Coon Come himself received only 1,708 votes three years ago.

Chief Kenny Loon: 999 votes for 25%. Not even close and definitely no cigar. That nasty letter to Coon Come he signed with the Gang of Five couldn't have helped any. Even if he is a lawyer. I wonder how many cases he's won.

Former Deputy Grand Chief, Kenny Blacksmith: A respectable 574 votes. I hear he's popular with voters of the fair persuasian.

Former Deputy Grand Chief Romeo Saganash: A poor showing at 247. Don't tell him I said so but I hear he's got a bad rep at the GCCQ/CRA/EA/EE/II etc. And some people consider him a snob and too slick for his own good.

George Blacksmith: At 152 votes he should have done better than a few who came in ahead of him. A friend of mine voted for him based on his radio performance alone. "Voice of reason" he said. Or something like that.

Eddie Pachano: He received 296 votes

in the last election for Deputy and 147 votes in this one for last place. That should tell him something. I feel his pain, believe me. Eddie would have done well to follow Matthew Mukash's example. For instance.

Deputy Grand Chief Elect Matthew Mukash: 1,357 supporters for a soaring 35 percent. Mukash ran for Grand Chief the last time around and managed only 405. Are you watching Pachano?

Ashley Iserhoff: An almost too close for comfort 852 votes. If only more youth took the time to vote. He's going to try again next election, mark my words.

Former Chief Charles Bobbush: A surprisingly good showing at 402 with most votes coming from Chisasibi. Maybe he should run for Chief there again. He got thirty something percent of the Chisasibi vote.

Chief Paul Gull: Newly elected in Waswanipi, Paul's happy with 273 votes. Young, idealistic, fresh, educated. What more could Waswanipi ask for?

Chief Kenneth Gilpin: One of the Gang of Five (Now the Gang of Four really). A poor showing at 256. It's that damned letter I tell you! Somebody write a song about that letter.

Lisa P. Masty: The only woman on the ballot gets 251 votes. Ladies, ladies, rise up next time. You are Woman, let's hear you roar. It is, oh, so sexy.

Edward Gilpin Jr.: 226 votes for the Cree Trapper's longtime spokesman. Could be a contendah in the race for Eastmain Chief if he runs.

Former Waswanipi Chief John Kitchen: A pitiful 160 votes. A surprising 96 of them from Waswanipi. There was a joke going around during the election that someone in Waswanipi nominated him to get rid of him as Waswanipi Chief. People can be so cruel. Laughing at poor Jean that way.

William E. Nicholls: 1 hundred and three damn votes. I have a theory on this one. Will, our friend, colleague, roommate suffered terribly from the Neil Diamond Syndrome: "Is he really serious?" The voters just didn't take him seriously enough. Even though he's pretty slick himself. We'll be watching.

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Moses and Mukash Voted In

Ted Moses once again steps in the familiar shoes of grand chief. Matthew Mukash joins Moses as Deputy Grand Chief.

The reports started filtering in from the communities as the polls closed. "So and so seems to be leading in such and such town." Until the numbers came in, it was pure speculation. On August 31st, the people were once again asked to choose a Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief. Ted Moses easily breezed into the position of Grand Chief with a total of 1766 votes or 45% of the total votes cast. His last tenure as Grand Chief was from 1984 to '87. Mistissini Chief Kenny Loon trailed Moses with 999 votes or 25% of the total. Loon, in a radio interview said he would take some time to ponder his future. Matthew Mukash, current Chief of Whapmagoostui, won over the people with 1 357 of the vote equaling 35% of the total for the position of Deputy Grand Chief. Ashley Iserhoff, Youth Grand Chief, who also ran for Deputy Grand Chief came in with 852 votes with 22%.

The Voting in Mistissini had been prematurely closed by a youth who had been wielding firearms. The police had closed off the area at around 6pm. Keeping would be voters away from the ballots. Some shots were fired, fortunately no injuries were

reported. In spite of the early closing of the polls, Mistissini voters still managed a turnout in record numbers. 874 voters turned up in Mistissini compared with 672 in the 1996 elections. Almost every poll saw an increase of voters, some gained one voter as in Ouje Bougoumou. In Eastmain, the voter turnout saw 242 ballots cast compared with 175 in 1996.

Contacted by the Nation, Moses said he was catching up on some sleep. He said the first phone call, informing him of his win, came in at 5:45 and the calls continued into the evening. The "familiar" shoes of the Grand Chief he said "fit very well." He was "honoured" by the "tremendous support of my leadership." He said a message was sent by the Cree people. His platform of respect for human and treaty rights he said was "accepted by the people and won't sell those rights." His role as Ambassador will see "a young Cree to help" so he would be able to "ease out of it," but would still maintain representation on the larger issues at hand. He hopes the support shown to him would be understood by the various governments because some of them ask "are you really representing the Cree Nation?" he said "now they know."

Turn to page 10 for Moses' Message

by Ernest Webb

Gull takes Waswanipi

Waswanipi held elections on August 30th and Paul Gull became the new chief. A win that Gull attributes to his political platform. He told the people "Ntshtayhden oo abitsyoona guaysque ngweedoodeen." (He respects the position and will try to do the job right)

Gull is heading into new territory as he has taken the candidates who ran against him for the chief's position and asked them to be his advisory committee. "Our campaigns all mentioned that we have to work together. It's something different but it promotes the campaign to work together," said Gull. The new band council has agreed to this and Gull says they ironing out the details of this new board.

Joining Gull on the band council are Alan Happyjack as the Deputy Chief and councilors Marcel Happyjack, Irene Neeposh, Alan Saganash Jr., Marlene Kitchen and Glen Cooper.

Robert Kitchen is the Grand Council/CRA representative.

Alan Happyjack the School Commissioner and the Cree Health Board representative.

Johnny Blacksmith is the Cree Trappers Association representative.

The Mishtuk Board members are Johnson Happyjack, John Kitchen, Phillip Grant, Peter J. Gull Sr., Clarence Blacksmith and Marjorie Wapachee.

Non-elected committees include the Elder's council composed of Jacky Gull, Alan Saganash Sr., Jane Gull, Catherine Cooper and one left to be appointed. The School Committee (elementary level) is currently composed of Anna S. Happyjack, Eva Icebound with four more people to be named. The School Committee (secondary level) is made up of Sandra Happyjack, Clara Blacksmith, Johnny Cooper, Paul Dixon, Matthew Blacksmith and Johnny Saganash.

The Health Committee members are Lily Sutherland, Elizabeth Ottereyes Sr., Marlene Dixon, Hattie B. Kitchen, Harriette Charles and a head Nurse to be appointed.

-William Nicholls

A LETTER FROM LEONARD PELTIER

My Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard for me to believe that the year 2000 is so quickly approaching us. As I sit in this cell and think about my grandchildren who are growing up so fast, my friends who have passed on, and the many years of my life that have been stolen from me, I remind myself of the attention my own suffering has brought to the realities of Indigenous Peoples everywhere. I know that my own persecution has become a symbol of the persecution all of our people face everyday.

But I have not given up hope for freedom. Today I am asking you to stand up and represent me and everything I am so proud of: the dignity, spirituality, and pride of the First Nations Peoples of the world.

My dream is to continue what the Trail of Broken Treaties started: an event that will have a historic and lasting effect in the

minds and consciousness of the public. We are hoping to carry out such an event this November in Washington, DC. November will be a critical time for my freedom campaign.

This December will be Clinton's last likely chance to grant me Executive Clemency. My defense team will have been steadily lobbying Congress to support clemency for two months prior to the event. Therefore, November will be an important time for a strong show of public support.

The irony is that at the same time, "Native American Heritage Month" and the Thanksgiving holiday will be occurring and will be bringing additional attention on Native Americans into the public, making November an important month to bring real issues of Indigenous Peoples of the U.S.

into the limelight of the media.

I believe that we can accomplish a successful campaign to do this if we all pull our resources together. I can visualize all the colors of our Native Nations' flags flying high around a culturally brilliant and attention attracting event in front of the White House this Fall.

The thought of different Indigenous Nations coming together in unity to support sovereignty, human rights, dignity, cultural preservation, and my freedom, warms my heart. Please read the proposal attached to find out more about our plans and how you can help. Thank you.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,
Leonard Peltier

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WORLD WATER CRISIS

Water is seen as the most readily available resource on this Earth of ours but a new report on water says this is not true. Fresh water is only one half of one per cent of all water on Earth. Global consumption of water is doubling every twenty years. An alarming statistic when you consider more than a billion people lack access to fresh water. By 2025 the demand for fresh water will exceed the supply by 56% according to the report.

Ismail Serageldin, vice-president of the World Bank says "The wars of the next century will be about water."

Already tensions are strained between Maylasia and Singapore, Botswana and Namibia and the King of Jorden has said the only war he would fight with Israel would be over water.

In Canada things are heating up as British Columbia banned water exports a number of years ago. Now Sun Belt, a California company, is suing Canada. The company claims that B.C.'s law violates several NAFTA-based investor rights and therefore is claiming \$220 million in compensation for lost profits

The report notes this and other examples saying that selling water to the highest bidder will only exacerbate the worst impacts of the world water crisis.

Social inequity is already part of the water game. In India, some households spend a staggering 25 percent of their incomes on water. In parts of Mexico, water is so scarce that babies and children drink Coca-Cola and Pepsi instead.

More than five million people, most of them children, die every year from illnesses caused by drinking poor quality water.

Around the world, the answer to the increase in water demand has been to build more environmentally destructive dams and divert more rivers. The number of large dams worldwide has climbed from just over 5,000 in 1950 to 38,000 today. No longer are hydro-electric projects seen as green power. In the U.S., only 2 percent

of the country's rivers and streams remain free-flowing and undeveloped by dams or other systems. As a result the continental U.S. has lost more half of its wetlands. In the U.S., the epicenter of freshwater diversity in the world, 37 percent of freshwater fish are at risk of extinction, 40 percent of amphibians are imperiled, and 67 percent of freshwater mussels are extinct or vulnerable to extinction. In the Great Lakes system, the Nature Conservancy has identified 100 species and 31 ecological communities at risk. Eighty percent of China's major rivers are so degraded they no longer support fish.

Instead of allowing this vital resource to become a commodity sold to the highest bidder, we believe that access to clean water for basic needs is a fundamental human right. Each generation must ensure that the abundance and quality of water is not diminished as a result of its activities. Greater effort must be made to restore the health of aquatic ecosystems that have already been degraded as well as to protect others from harm. We believe that the following ten principles will help to protect water:

1. Water belongs to the earth and all its species.
 2. Water should be left where it is whenever possible.
 3. Water must be conserved for all time.
 4. Polluted water must be reclaimed.
 5. Water is best protected in natural watersheds.
 6. Water is a public trust to be guarded at all levels of government.
 7. An adequate supply of clean water is a basic human right.
 8. The best advocates for water are local communities and citizens.
 9. The public must participate as an equal partner with government to protect water.
 10. Economic globalization policies are not water sustainable.
- Seen in this context the water of Eeyou Istchee is more important than ever.

by Will Nicholls

LUBICON CREE

FORESTRY WOES

Forestry giant Daishowa-Marubeni International had said in spring that they publicly committed not to log or purchase timber in land around the Lubicon's territory until Lubicon land rights were settled. Ontario based paper producer Daishowa Inc. released rights they had in the area. According to Daishowa, they lost about \$20 million in sales due to a seven-year international boycott of their paper products because they were logging in land the Lubicon Cree claimed as theirs.

Alberta entered into negotiations with the Lubicon Crees on July 29th, 1999. On August 3rd Mike Cardinal, associate minister of forestry for Alberta issued a request for proposals for timber on the contested land.

In a letter to Alberta Premier Ralph Klein dated August 25th, Lubicon Cree chief Bernard Ominayak condemned the provincial government for its action. He said the plans to sell the timber rights to other First Nations in the area "using supposed economic benefits as bait to play poor aboriginal people off against each other and steal aboriginal lands and resources is a classic colonial divide and conquer tactic." Ominayak said this would be recognized and condemned by people the world over.

Peace River Member of the Legislature of Alberta Gary Friedel said that while negotiations continue he didn't feel it was appropriate to "sterilize the whole area."

Meanwhile Friends of Lubicon is advising its network of supporters of the recent developments.

The Lubicon Cree have been trying to negotiate land rights since the 1930's.

VERMONT DENIES HYDRO'S

"ACT OF GOD"

The question Vermont is asking an arbitration panel to decide whether the ice storm of 1998 was an "Act of God" or just a bad winter storm made worse by ice build-up and structural deficiencies in Hydro-

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Quebec's grid. It took 66 days for Hydro-Quebec to resume supplying Vermont with power.

Fifteen Vermont utilities want the 4 billion-dollar contract declared null and void on the grounds that the storm demonstrated Hydro-Quebec is incapable of guaranteeing Vermont the electricity they signed the deals for. The deal was signed in 1987 and was supposed to run for twenty years with an additional five-year option. The deal represents 38% of Vermont's electricity market.

The arbitration panel will be finished their closed-door hearings on September 14. The hearings are being held in Burlington, Vermont. Two more weeks of hearings will be held in November and a final decision is expected by February.

Hydro-Quebec is saying the utilities are just not happy because the market price of electricity has fallen to half of what they have to pay Hydro-Quebec. Current electricity prices are at 3-3.5 cents a kilowatt-hour compared to Hydro's 6.3 cents. Rates for the fifteen Vermont utilities will go up a further 14% in November.

The Vermont utilities are unhappy over the \$18 million they had to pay Hydro during the ice storm even though they weren't receiving any electricity. They are requesting the arbitration panel force Hydro to give the money back.

UMAYC IS THE HOT TOPIC OF THE NAFC AGM

It was an emotional Annual General Meeting as Wayne Helgason stepped down as President of the National Association of Friendship Centre's. Mark Maracle expressed his closeness to the former president and said "he was a great leader and he'll be dearly missed." Helgason left his position with class, adding he wished his family had attended. The executive board's gift to Helgason was beautiful buckskin jacket.

The Urban Multi-purpose Youth Centre's (UMAYC) initiative was a hot topic for the General Meeting. The UMAYC helped selected organizations develop youth centers through the Friendship Centre's and Metis National Council. The six cities received the UMAYC allocations included



Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary.

There were guests who expressed gratitude to the friendship Centre Movement. They included Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque and Ghislain Picard, the Assembly of First Nation's representative for Quebec and Labrador. Picard thanked the Centre for letting him and friends stay the night at the Quebec Centre. He later became the president of the Quebec Friendship center. Michelle Audette, former president of the Montreal Friendship Centre said she would like to arrange a protocol agreement with the Friendship Centre Movement. Chief Joe Norton of Kahnawake said "your community is our backyard, treat your elders, family and friends like you treat your backyard." Last but certainly not least was the President of the Montreal Native Friendship Centre Will Nicholls, who brought some heartfelt words about the city of Montreal and who put in a lot of time and effort into the Annual General Meetings organization.

Elections took place at the AGM and the National Association has a new president, a Dennis Francis of Merrit, British Columbia. The new Vice-president is Marie Whattam of Ottawa. The new secretary is Mary Head of Winnipeg.

In conclusion the AGM was well organized and I also give a big thanks and congratulations to Will Nicholls on a job well done for the success of the AGM and the success of the Youth Forum. Great Job Will!

-Brent Potskin

CRAZY HORSE

Crazy Horse, the very name still has power after all these years. It's been over 120 years since he was murdered at Fort Robinson in Nebraska. A dream prophecy said that the only way Crazy Horse could be killed was if his own people, the Sioux, held his arms while he was being killed.

While there are differing stories of his death all agreed that "Little Big Man tried to hold him, that many were ready to shoot him, that other Indians grabbed him, that Private Gentles stabbed him..."

His death made him a myth, a symbol for those who follow the old ways, the traditions and culture. He is a symbol today for those who fight for what they believe in.

In the book *Crazy Horse* it is recognized he is a legend but it attempts to look at Crazy Horse the man and how he became what he represents today.

In looking at *Crazy Horse* you see a loner who avoided the white people most of his life. He was forever wandering away from the camps and people of his own tribe. Not much is known about him but there wouldn't be in any case. *Crazy Horse* lived the life of a warrior, raiding and hunting on the central plains.

It wasn't until the settlers started to encroach on Sioux territory that *Crazy Horse* came to the fore as a "determined resister whose courage and leadership was a factor in many battles."

He was a "Shirt-wearer", a person of high honor who provided help to the weak and helpless ones of the tribe.

Definitely an interesting book that appeals to many. It kept disappearing on me around the office as I was trying to read it.

-William Nicholls

Crazy Horse (Penguin Lives)
by Larry McMurtry
January 1999

MESSAGE TO THE CREE PEOPLE

of the Cree Nation — Eeyou/Eenou Istchee from the Grand Chief elect Dr. Ted Moses

The people have spoken and made their choice. They have voted to keep the Cree Nation strong and unified. They have decided to protect their own rights and rights of future generations of Crees.

To Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come, I express my thanks for the enormous work that he has done for the Cree nation during the past twelve years, and for the work he did before that as chief of Mistissini. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors, and I hope that he will continue to play a large role in our lives.

I want to thank the Cree people for showing their confidence in my leadership — for electing me as their Grand Chief. This means that the Crees have rejected the idea that any Cree leader can ever agree to give up the rights which belong to the whole Cree nation.

The Cree nation has clearly rejected the idea that their treaty rights can be sold or given up.

I ran for grand chief because of my concern that the rights we have fought for and won as the Cree nation were in danger of being bargained away by communities or individuals for temporary and questionable short-term gains.

As most of you know, Hydro Quebec has approached individual Cree communities and propose to enter into a "partnership" with communities or individuals who, in the words of Hydro Quebec, are directly affected by their development plans.

Let me say this: Every Cree and every Cree community is directly affected by mining, by forestry, and by hydroelectric projects in Eeyou Istchee. It is the Cree nation that will defend Cree rights. It is the Grand Council of the Crees that has a permanent mandate to be the watchdog over Cree rights. It is the Grand Council of the Crees that signed our treaty. No one can give away something which is not theirs to give. The Tallyman cannot sell the rights to his trapline. Neither can a chief sell the rights of his community. We are given these things in trust, as caretakers and as leaders. Beyond that, we are just human beings, and we have no authority.

There are many things I want to do now. But I will need your help. I ask you now the call on me with your ideas and concerns. Beyond that, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me, and to thank everyone who participated in the election, no matter who you voted for. I respect each candidate who ran, and I know that we all expressed similar concerns and interests in the future of the Cree nation. This gives me confidence in that the Cree people will be able to speak with one powerful voice. I want to express my appreciation to my family for their support and confidence; Elsa, Nian, Allan and musicians in the family, Donovan and Reginald.

May the lord and creator bless us as a united and powerful Cree nation.

Meegwetch! Thank you!

“No one can give away something which is not theirs to give.”



Grand Chief Elect, Dr. Ted Moses



**From the Chief and
Council of Ouje - Bougoumou,**

**wishing all the returning
students of 1999-2000,**

**all the success
and rewards in
the new school year.**



**The Chief and Council of
the Cree Nation of Nemaska**

**encourage all of this year's
students to make**

***the best of your
educational opportunities,
to strive to achieve
your goals and
reach your dreams.***

**We join your family and friends
in wishing you all the best
in your studies.**

goals dreams goals



**The Chief, Council and staff of
the Cree Nation of Eastmain**

would like to take this opportunity
to wish all of this year's students
from Eastmain and throughout
the Cree Nation an
enjoyable school year.

**Education is an opportunity to
better yourself
and contribute to the future
of the Cree Nation.**



**The Chief
and Council of
the Cree Nation
of Mistissini**

**wish all of the students
from Mistissini and
throughout the Cree Nation
the best of luck
during the 1999-2000
school year.**

We encourage you to work hard and
better yourself through your education.

Remember
you are the future of the nation.

BACK TO SCHOOL

"Schools days, school days, dear old golden rule days, I recall the stuffy old bathroom, smoking butts in the kids school bathroom"

-Willie Dunn

Top Ten Signs You've Chosen a Bad College

10. They boast that 90% of their graduates eventually make parole.

9. The campus is roamed by packs of starving coyotes.

8. So-called "sports complex" consists of a kickball and a swingset.

7. Your letter of admission was signed by Sally Struthers.

6. The dean is being followed by a crew from "Hard Copy."

5. History professor + fake mustache = English professor.

4. Graduation ceremonies are held in a local 7-eleven.

3. Final project in Biology: Dissecting a snickers bar.

2. Orientation video features Frank Gifford and a flight attendant.

1. Average S.A.T. score: 2.

UNIVERSITY LIGHTBULB JOKES

How many Lakehead students does it take to change a lightbulb?

None—Thunder Bay doesn't have electricity.

How many U of T students does it take to change a lightbulb?

Two—One to change the lightbulb and one to crack under the pressure.

How many Algonquin students does it take to change a lightbulb?

Only one, but he gets six credits for it.

How many Laurentian students does it take to change a lightbulb?

None—Sudbury looks better in the dark.

How many Queen's students does it take to change a lightbulb?

One—he holds the bulb and the world revolves around him

How many Waterloo students does it take to change a lightbulb?

Five—one to design a nuclear-powered one that never needs changing, one to figure out how to power the rest of Waterloo using that nuked lightbulb, two to install it,

and one to write the computer program that controls the wall switch.

How many Trent students does it take to change a lightbulb? Eleven—One to screw it and ten to support its sexual orientation

How many Western students does it take to change a lightbulb? Five—One to change the lightbulb and four to find the perfect J. Crew outfit to wear for the occasion.

How many McMaster students does it take to change a lightbulb?

Two—One to change the bulb and the other to say loudly how he did it as well as any Queen's student.

How many Carleton students does it take to change a lightbulb?

Two—One to change the bulb and one to complain about how if they were at a better school the lightbulb wouldn't go out.

How many McGill students does it take to change a lightbulb?

One—but she can't do it on Friday night.

How many Brock students does it take to change a lightbulb?

Seven—One to change the light bulb and six to throw a party because he didn't screw it in upside down this time.

Here are 10 Words That Don't Exist, But Should and you can use them in your assignments. See if your professors notice.

1. **AQUADEXTOUS** (ak wa deks' trus) adj. Possessing the ability to turn the bathroom faucet on and off with your toes.

2. **CARPERPETUATION** (kar' pur pet u a shun) n. The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times,

reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.

3. **DISCONFECT** (dis kon fekt') v. To sterilize the piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow

'remove' all the germs.

4. **ELBONICS** (el bon' iks) n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater (airplane).

5. **FRUST** (frust) n. The small line of de-

bris that refuses to be swept onto the dust pan and keep backing a person across the room until he finally

decides to give up and sweep it under the rug.

6. **LACTOMANGULATION** (lak' to man guy lay' shun) n. Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to

resort to the 'illegal' side.

7. **PEPPIER** (pehp ee ay') n. The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want ground

pepper.

8. **PHONESIA** (fo nee' zhuh) n. The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.

9. **PUPKUS** (pup'kus) n. The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.

10. **TELECRASTINATION** (tel e kras tin ay' shun) n. The act of always letting the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only six inches away.

14 Reasons why God never received a Ph.D.

1. He has only one major publication.
2. It was published only in Hebrew originally.

3. It has no references and no bibliography.

4. Some even doubt he wrote it himself.
5. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating his results.

6. He never applied to the ethics committee for permission to use human subjects.

7. When one experiment went awry, he tried to cover it up by drowning his subjects.

8. When subjects didn't behave as predicted, he deleted them from the sample.

9. He rarely came to class, just telling the students to read the book.

10. Some claim he had his son teach the class.

11. He expelled his first two students for sexual experiments with fruit.

12. Although there were only 10 requirements, most of his students continued to fail his test.

13. He has no record of working well with colleagues or attending open house.

14. His lecture hours were sporadic and often held on mountaintops.

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Real Letters to Schools

- Dear School: Please excuse John from being absent on January 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.
- Please excuse Dianne from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.
- I had to keep Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I didn't know what size she wears.
- Please excuse Johnny for being. It was his father's fault.
- Mary could not come to school because she was bothered by very close veins.
- Chris will not be in school cuz he has a acre in his side.
- John has been absent because he had two teeth taken off his face.
- Excuse Gloria. She has been under the doctor.
- Little was absent from school yesterday because she had a going over.
- My son is under the doctor's care and should not take fisacal ed. Please execute him.
- Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football and was hurt in the growing part.
- My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spend this weekend with the marines.
- Please excuse Joyce from P. E. for a few days. Yesterday she fell out of a tree and misplaced a hip.
- Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.
- Maryann was absent December 11-16 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat. Her brother had low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best, either, sore throat and fever. There must have been something going around; her father even got hot last night.
- Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had diar dyreah the shits.
- Please excuse Blanch from Jim today. She is administrating.
- George was absent yesterday because he had a stomach.
- Ralph was absent yesterday because of a sore trout.
- Irving was absent this morning because he missed his bust.
- Please excuse Sarah for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot.
- Please excuse Wayne for being out yesterday, because he had the fuel.

KILLER EXAM QUESTIONS

Computer Science: Write a fifth-generation computer language. Using this language, write a computer program to finish the rest of this exam for you.

History: Describe the history of the papacy from its origins to the present day, concentrating on its social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, America, Asia, and Africa. Be brief and concise, yet specific.

Electrical Engineering: You will be placed in a nuclear reactor and given a partial copy of the electrical layout. The electrical system has been tampered with. You have seventeen minutes to find the problem and correct it before the reactor melts down.

Pre-Med: You will be provided with a rusty razor blade, a piece

of gauze, and a full bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Don't suture until your work has been inspected. You have 15 minutes.

Public Speaking: Twenty-five hundred riot-crazed aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin, Hebrew, or Greek.

Biology: Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture if this life form had developed 500,000 years earlier, with special attention to the probable effect, if any, on the English parliamentary system circa 1750. Prove your thesis.

Civil Engineering: This is a practical test of your design and building skills. With the boxes of toothpicks and glue present, build a platform that will support your weight when you and your platform are suspended over a vat of nitric acid.

Music: Write a full piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with a clarinet and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.

Psychology: Based on your knowledge of their early works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment, and repressed frustrations of each of the following: Alexander of Aphrodisias, Ramses II, and Gregory of Nicea. Support your evaluation with quotations from each man's work, making appropriate references. It is not necessary to translate.

Chemistry: You must identify a poison sample which you will find at your lab table. All necessary equipment has been provided. There are two beakers at your desk, one of which holds the antidote. If the wrong substance is used, it causes instant death. You may begin as soon as the professor injects you with a sample of the poison. (We feel this will give you an incentive to find the correct answer.)

Sociology: Estimate the sociological problems which might be associated with the end of the world. Construct an experiment to test your theory.

Mechanical Engineering: The disassembled parts of a howitzer have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Machine Language. In ten minutes a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to the room. Take whatever action you feel appropriate. Be prepared to justify your actions.

Economics: Describe in four hundred words or less what you would have done to prevent the Great Depression.

Mathematics: Derive the Euler-Cauchy equations using only a straightedge and compass. Discuss in detail the role these equations had on mathematical analysis in Europe during the 1800s.

Political Science: There is a red telephone on the desk beside you. Start World War III. Report at length on its socio-political effects, if any.

Religion: Perform a miracle. Creativity will be judged.

Art: Given one eight-count box of crayons and three sheets of notebook paper, recreate the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Skin tones should be true to life.

Physics: Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an in-depth evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.

Metaphysics: Describe in detail the probable nature of life after death. Test your hypothesis.

Philosophy: Sketch the development of human thought and estimate its significance. Compare with the development of any other kind of thought.

General Knowledge: Describe in detail. Be specific.

Extra Credit: Define the universe, and give three examples.

UNDER THE NORTHERN SKY



Nothing is forever

Growing old does not look like a lot of fun. I find it difficult to watch my parents, my uncles, aunts and my grandmother getting older every year. Many times I talk to the older people in our family they tell me about their aches and pains and health problems. This is not something I am looking forward to.

I guess in kind of like a child like fantasy way I want everybody to stay young, strong and healthy. I want to think that I can always see them happy and full of life. I suppose there can be something beautiful in growing old gracefully but as I watch the old ones heading further to the end of the path it makes me sad to see them succumbing to arthritis, diabetes and heart problems.

On the other hand I am learning that there seems to be a wisdom and contentment that comes over people in their later years. Older people seem to always have the time to sit and talk. They seemed to have a different outlook on life after having survived so many years. They don't seem to be as wrapped up in the daily details of getting on with life but more they have a perspective that the little things that should not upset people.

I like to hear stories of older people I know. They have decades of life experience and tell me about times and places that I know nothing about. I also learn a lot from my elders and I try to take advice in a good way.

Sometimes I find pictures of the elders I know that show them as children. I find it so strange to see these people I know now who are at the dawn of other life in slim young bodies and with bright eyes in a time and place long ago. I wonder what it would be like to know them as younger people. Would we have been good friends? What would we have done together?

It seems like the older people get, the more mellow and understanding they are. Most people are a real joy to be around and that is especially true for those who have their health. There seems to be something unfair about growing old. It is almost as though the concept of old age is with us to make life more interesting. Still, sometimes I wish all the old people in my life could just stop time and continue to be around as I prefer to remember them, happy, in good shape and with no end in sight.

Xavier Kataquapit

Congratulations to the class of 1999 !

The Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), the Cree Regional Authority, and the Faculty of Commerce and Administration at Concordia University warmly congratulate those participants who have successfully completed the requirements for the **Certificate in Community Economic Development.**



Bottom (from left): Marlene Kitchen, Margaret Wapachee, Maria Kawapit. Top (from left): William Kawapit, John Brown, Jimmy Fireman, Alfred Loon, Hugo Hester.



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Jim Thorpe

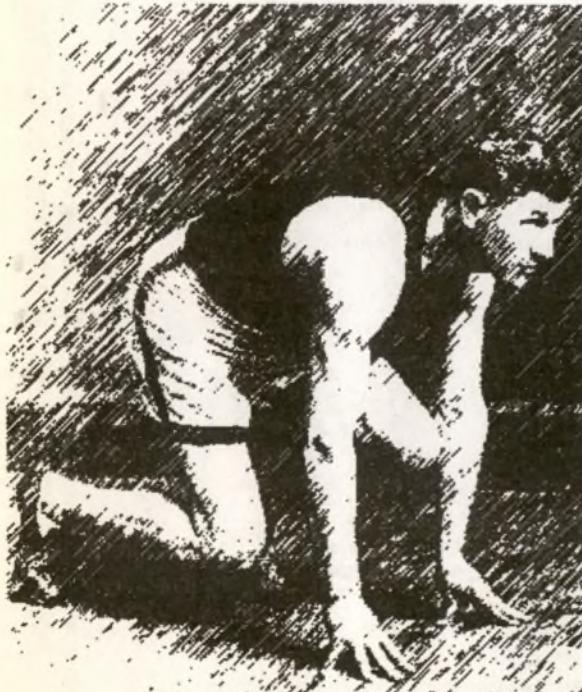
William Nicholls

I hear there's a search for Aboriginal role models out there. People should look at Jim Thorpe. Thorpe was born on May 22, 1887 to an impoverished family on Sac-and-Fox Indian land. His beginning were harsh but he went on to become a leading figure in sports. In Stockholm, Sweden he won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Olympic games. He is to this day the only athlete to do so.

For this and other accomplishments he was honoured by the both United States Houses of Congress as the "Athlete of the Century" in May of this year.

Almost fifty years ago Associated Press voted him "Athlete of the First Half of the Century" for his level of excellence in track and field, football and baseball. Thorpe was an all around athlete who crossed from sport to sport.

Not only did he play professional football but in 1920 he became president of the American Football league, which is now the National Football league. He is recognized as one of the founding fathers of professional football.



"Athlete of the century"



When he played ball he played with the New York Giants, Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Braves.

One of the stories say he first was noticed when he asked permission to jump the high bar. He was in coveralls since he was on a cleanup detail. The jumpers reportedly snickered until he cleared the 5'9" bar with room to spare.

Before he was taken under the wing of Glenn Warner the only dream Thorpe had was of becoming a tailor. He picked up this dream as a student at Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. Instead he went on to being the "greatest athlete in the world" according to King Gustav V of Sweden at the Olympic Games.

Not that he wasn't bed of roses by any stretch of the imagination. Before the Olympic Games Thorpe played a little baseball. In those days you were lucky to get more than \$125 a month. The million dollar salaries were far off but the Olympic committee decided the money was enough to disqualify Thorpe's Gold medals. They were finally returned thirty years after he died

on January 18, 1983.

After retiring from baseball and football, Thorpe traveled around. He would find jobs like being the gate tender at Ford. He suffered a heart attack. In 1950, the year he was named "Athlete of the First Half of the Century," he underwent an operation to remove a cancerous growth in his hip. He was a charity patient. Newspapers reported his wife as saying they were broke. Donations poured in from around the country. He died in April of 1952 of a third heart attack.

But he was a great athlete. One of the U.S. Congress House resolutions honouring says "Jim Thorpe is the only American athlete to excel at the amateur level and at the professional level in 3 major sports—track and field, football, and baseball." I know of few others who can make this boast.

Indeed a role model for First nations peoples everywhere. The adversity he must have had to overcome in those days makes his journey into history all that more impressive.

Elections '99

Congratulations to:

Grand Chief Ted Moses and Deputy Grand Chief Matthew Mukash



Grand Chief Ted Moses



Deputy Grand Chief Matthew Mukash

The Grand Council/Cree Regional Authority thanks all those who came out to exercise their right to vote and express their opinion. The Cree People have decided who will be leading them into the new millennium. More Crees than ever have turned out to vote. This sends a strong message to the Federal and Provincial Governments about Cree democracy and self determination. It gives our leaders a strong voice when they talk to the Federal and Provincial Governments.

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Robert Nault:

Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs

William Nicholls

The latest Minister of Indian Affairs Robert Nault is the 71st top dog in charge of First Nations Peoples. While some First Nations may not know the new Minister he has the experience to handle the job and seems to be eager to start.

Nault began his federal political career in Kenora-Rainy River riding. In that riding there are 51 First Nations. "The highest of any MP (Member of Parliament) in Canada", says Nault. He was first elected to parliament in November 21, 1988, eleven years ago.

Before his recent appointment as Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, Nault was an opposition Associate Critic for Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs. Other positions have included Chairman of the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Chairman of the Government Task Force on CN Commercialization, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labor, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Human Resources Development and he is also currently on the Standing Committee on Health.

All his past experience should do him well in serving as the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs. The Nation caught up to him while he was on the road touring his riding in Ontario. He is married to wife Lana Nault and has two children, Samantha and Daniel.

What would you consider some of the outstanding issues in the late 80's when you were with the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs?

I think the issues then were post-secondary education. There were some problems with land claims. We dealt with a number of those. Stony Kettle Point was one, the Inuit who were moved from northern Quebec to the High Arctic and the standoff at Oka. I think the bigger picture issues we dealt with were band funding and housing. Not so much economic development in those days but the specific land claims policy and the removal of the community self-government based process because of the lack of results with that. That's a few things that come to mind. You have to understand this was a little while ago.



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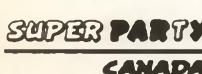
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Do you think some of these issues will be a part of your term as the new Minister?

No. I think we've moved on with the initiatives of partnership with the Federal Government. The First Nations, the Government and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples are part of Gathering Strength. It's moved the relationship farther along than it was in those days. We're now getting into things that are more involved. For example we're now looking at economic development as the creation of employment for young people as a very large part of the agenda. That wasn't even talked about in those days.

You're looking at employment and the youth?

That's part of it. The whole relationship and the framework of "Gathering Strength" is to renew the relationship to a point where we rebuild respect and a relationship of government to government. The first phase of "Gathering Strength" was to deal with healing and building healthy communities to deal with the grievances of the past. Now we're into the second phase and starting to deal with the issues of land and resources. First Nations having direct involvement in wealth creation and being part of the mainstream economy. You can't have those types of discussions without involving First Nation's youth and their abilities to be front and center. They will be the leaders of the future and we are aware of the very large youth population in the Aboriginal communities.

When you say wealth sharing are we talking revenue sharing?

It certainly is. You can't get away from the discussion of for example resource agreements with the other levels of government and the private sector. It has to be a form of wealth sharing and how that is articulated in terms of what it means is really a decision that would be arrived in negotiations between the First Nations and the different players in recognition of "Sparrow" (court case) and court rulings which have said First Nations should be consulted and involved in resource allocation and conservation and all the other important features. I see the whole issue of wealth sharing as one that doesn't have to be pinpointed to just royalties but a number of other things that can be of benefit to the community or communities in the area.

Would you be looking at economic partners where the First Nations contribute a

certain amount as part of the exploitation?

Certainly as part of the involvement. The whole issue of land management, resource extraction, conservation and environmental sustainability are all tied together. That's why First Nations should be a true partner. We shouldn't use the term partnership too loosely. I think partner really means that you are involved and to the point of ownership if it's the wish of the communities or individual community.

Will you be going through the RCAP report? I know some people in the past have said this hasn't really been done yet?

I would beg to differ. The "Gathering Strength" initiative and our interest in moving ahead on a number of fronts is in response to a number of recommendations of the Commission. I personally am going to as part of my process as a new minister coming in will be doing an exercise with my department on where we are with the RCAP recommendations and what we have done and not done. That is my intention as a new Minister. But what I see having the honour to represent 51 First Nations myself is I have been involved in this for a number of years. I'm the member of Kenora-Rainy River and I have the largest number of First Nations in my riding of any Member of Parliament in Canada. I am quite accustomed to being involved with dealing with chiefs and councils, grand Chiefs. My region has treaty 9, 5 and 3 in it. So I don't come at the new job with a lack of grounding. I've spent a lot of time with the Elders and the leadership talking about things we believe are important for our region. I hope to be able to extend that to regions like yours. Northern Quebec has very similar way of life to northern Ontario. So we probably have a lot more in common than you think. I have been involved in Aboriginal affairs since day one when I was elected eleven years ago in November.

Is there any message you would like to give?

I think the message that has to be sent from any new Minister that has an interest in building a relationship with Aboriginal People is that we have a lot of hard work to do but we have a lot of goodwill out there. There is political will from the Government of Canada through this Minister and from the leadership out there. I think we have to get on it and start moving and not spend too much time navel gazing. Let's get on with the job because that's what the communities and the people in the communities expect of us.



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Open letter to the Cree Nation

Dear friends, family and Cree communities;

I will forever cherish the opportunity given to run for the office of the Grand Chief in our recent elections. The voice of the people is strong and it is very encouraging to note the great turn out for these elections.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to Dr. Ted Moses as our new Grand Chief, and to chief Matthew Mukash, as our new Deputy Grand Chief of the Cree Nation, of Eeyou Istchee. My prayers are with each of you for a successful mandate.

For all the candidates, thank you for sharing with us your dreams and visions for the future. Be encouraged to continue to pursue the hope within you to move into the future.

It is said, "without a vision — people perish" similarly "a vision without people — perishes"

My own dreams and vision for our Cree Nation become now my prayers that we will build on the good and positive influences of change in our Cree society; that we will encourage and equip our Cree nation to rise to a renewed spirit and authority to face all challenges in our society; that we will restore, and strengthen our self respect and dignity as a Cree nation; and that we will foster greater understanding for each other, and encourage moral integrity for personal, family and community relationships. My prayer that we will envision new strategies in the life of the Cree Nation; and that we will heed the call to unite and achieve common vision through a renewed collective approach for a stronger Cree Nation with all the diversity of unique skills and capacities to co-work to build a renewed network of friendship, mutual respect and recognition.

My prayers that we will each recognize we are key to the healing of the Cree land, and to release our people to fully participate in the shaping of a shared future as a Cree nation; and that we will recognize that we are important part of the development of Quebec and in a spirit of interdependence forge a future built on mutual respect and common understanding, through existing or new joint ventures with the citizens of Quebec and with the governments of Quebec and Canada. My prayers that we will encourage a renewed determination to bring the present inequality and justice to an end and believing that a new concerted effort is calling forth boldness and courage in shaping a common future into a land of unity and prosperity. Believing that we can achieve new practical and immediate applications of resolve to understanding and historical issues for a better future.

My prayers that we will seize a new vision and opportunity to build a more inclusive vision of Quebec and Canada based on renewed veritable partnerships, through reconciliation and unity. Thank you, each of you and until our paths across again may the good lord guide and direct your paths.

Kenny Blacksmith

CLASSIFIEDS

100 BIRTHS

Congratulations to my brother George and his girlfriend Alice Cookish on the birth of their new baby boy Russell Tyron Robert born on July 3, 1999. Take good care of him. From Iris and George Crowe

Congratulations to our son George and Alice on the birth of their baby boy Russell Tyron Robert born on July 3, 1999. From Mom and dad.

Congratulations to Sandra and Mark MacDonald on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Sarah Michelle, on Aug 27. Now, there'll be a little baby sister for Alex and Binnie to pick up their socks after them. From the rest of the clan.

Felicitations à Pierre Paquet et Nathalie Tousignant qui depuis hier soir, jeudi le 25 mars à 22h49, sont les heureux parents d'une jolie petite fille de 6 livres et 10 onces prénommée Fanni. Toute la petite famille se porte bien.

"CONGRATULATIONS!" to Lily Belle and Dennis Jolly on the birth of their adorable son "Kyle Linden Lashawn" born on the 18th of June, 1999. The Lord has blessed you with a precious little boy, and I know you'll make a good mother. Best wishes and welcome to motherhood!!! Take good care of each other and your son "Klye". Friend Always: Brenda-Rose W. Jolly and girls.

101-BIRTHDAYS

A birthday wish to my favorite cousin. Happy birthday cuz on Aug. 17. Have fun. From your cuz Joy kitchen. Waswanipi. xoxoxoxo.

Happy 1st birthday to Desmond Pepabano on Aug. 14 and a happy 2nd birthday to Eric Lee Pepabano on Aug. 18, 1999. Guys, guys, guys, please no junk food be like Grandma with a beautiful smile, not! She's cheating with her false teeth. From everybody at F3-1

We want to wish a happy

birthday to a special person to us on the 26 of September, the person that holds us when we cry, the person that fulfills our home needs, the person that laughs with us, the person that walks with us, the person that plays with us, the person that provides all of our needs Mother, we would like to thank you for keeping us in your womb for nine months, we would like to thank you for the courage you had when you brought us into this wonderful world. Happy birthday to you, mother many more to come. This special person is our mother, Maggie Etapp-Saganash from your kids Daryl, Vanessa, Christian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! p/s We need a baby sister or brother.

Happy Birthday to my father Freddie Mianscum Who will be turning 25 on Aug 25, I also want to say Happy 25th anniversary to my Grandparents Raymond and Madeleine Nakogee also will be celebrating their anniversary on August 25. I love you all very much! From Nicole Nakogee.

Hey Girlfriend! Happy 30-something on July 24. Are you ignoring me again? Haven't heard from you in a while...Take care. Happy Camping in your land, as dad calls it. Ta Ta...Gotta go on my Merry-Old-Way. Luv from Gloria....

Happy 5th Birthday to our grand-daughter Krystal Lisa Snowboy on Aug 3rd. Lots of Hugs & Kisses from Joomshoom Leslie & Gookoom Lily & your uncles Jordan & Paulooshoo. xoxoxox. P. S. don't wonder off too far.

Guess who is celebrating their 5th birthday on Aug 5th "The Boboys". Wishing them both lots of fun at their birthday party. with lots of love, Mom & Dad. xoxoxoxo...

Happy 5th birthday to my twin brothers Corey & Cayce Mark-Stewart from Eastmain on

Aug 5th. Have fun!!! From your sister that loves you both very much, Maxine & Kevin. P.S. You know what?

To Boboys Mark-Stewart Yo,yo, yo, I would like to say "happy birthday" to y'all and have plenty of music for the party. Peace y'all. From JR Herodier

Happy 5th Birthday to L. Paul Bobbish on Aug 28, 1999. Have a great day from Alex & Vincent.

Have a wonderful Birthday EBW on August 31. Love you! from your one and only sister. *s*

Happy Birthday to a sweet little girl in Montreal named Kates. We love you and hope you have a great 6th Birthday!!!! (on Aug 8th) Love Always, Paul, Alex & Vincent oxoxox

HAPPY BELATED 14TH BIRTHDAY to my friend Angelina Brien on July 3 1999 happy birthday friend and many more years to come From: friend always Cynthia Longchap (Mist)

To my cousin Crystal Coon-Come I just wanted to say HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY on July ??/99 happy birthday cuz and don't party too much! ha! ha! P.S. good luck with ?? you know. From: Cuz Cynthia Longchap (Mist)

Happy 12 birthday and many more to come to my son Ernie Mataham on Sept. 29. You are so special to me. You bring so much happiness and laughter into my life. I'm so grateful to have you as my son. I'm so lucky. I love you so much. Love always, mommy

Happy birthday to Martha Rupert on July 28 and to Pearl Mataham on Aug. 19. Marie Ann Rupert on Aug. 20. Happy birthday to all and many more to come. We love you all very much. From Grandma and Grandpa Mataham.

Happy first birthday to our daughter Selena Dawn

Sunshine Blackned on Aug. 7. We love you very much. From Mom and dad (Louisa and Nelson)

I would like to wish my friend Lorraine Kanatewat a happy birthday on Chisasibi birthday Aug. 18. And to Lucille Neacappo on July 22. See Lucy, I didn't forget. Have a wonderful birthday to you both. From your friend P. Pepabano.

I am glad to say that my one and only son Brendon Lee John Shecapio Blacksmith will be turning four years old Aug. 11 and I would very much like to wish him the happiest birthday ever. Brendon, I am proud to say that I have you as my son, my friend and my love for life. I wish you knew how much hope and comfort you give me. Just your smile brightens up my days, just when the sun don't feel like shining. I guess to me you can say you're like nature's second sun. And I thank God for blessing me for having you. So once again happy birthday. And remember you always be my little treasure that's going to last forever. With lots of love, your mommy, Darlene Shecapio Blacksmith. xxx.

First of all we'd like to say thank you to our loving God for the blessing of nine years of our son Stephane Gabriel B. who will be turning 10 years or on the 10th of Aug. We would like to wish him a happy birthday and many more to come. We love you. Love, mom and dad. Also happy belated third birthday to our grandson Jermaine on July 25, 1999. Love, Grandma and Grandpa.

Happy birthday to a very special niece who celebrating her first birthday on July 27. Andreeann Starlette Hope Etapp. Your day was as beautiful as you are girl! Keep on smiling, you look very cute. We love you very much. Hugs and kisses from the Diamond

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brothers. Love, auntie Emily.
Miywaabinush, Happy 26th, I'll try not to make a big deal of the big 3-Oh coming up...Cuz we're all the same age, we're just born at different times.

Happy 3rd birthday to Jermaine B. on July 25. Happy belated birthday. Also, I would like to wish my little brother Stephane B. K. happy 10th birthday on the 10th of Aug. hope you have fun. Love, Sylvia.

Happy birthday to Kristen Georgekish on Oct. 23. She will be 16 years old. You're getting older now. P.S. don't party too much. From guess who!

Happy 15th birthday to Shirley Ruth Einish. Love always, mom and dad, Job, James, Patrick, Isabelle, Francis, Timothy, Lazarus, Loretta, Jobena, Nigel and Katherine.

Happy birthday two or pride and joy, Israel B. Diamond on July 31, who turned 5. And happy birthday to our Sunshine Isaiah Diamond on June 3. Who turned 3. You boys complete our lives and we love you very much. You guys are the best. Love, mommy and daddy in O.J.

Happy birthday to Sheila Quiscappio on Aug. 9, Michael Quiscappio on Aug. 10, and Margaret Nabinacaboo on Aug. 20. Having nice day on your birthdays. From Gilles, Christina and kids, Noah and Karen, Alex, Mary and Josephine, Susie, Guy and

Michael Nabinacaboo in Kawawa.

Birthday wish is going out to Stephane B. and Jordan K. both celebrating their 10th birthday on Aug. 10, 1999. You guys had a wonderful time on your birthday. Also, happy birthday to Marcella W. on July 24, 1999 and to Arlene W. on Aug. 7, 1999. Have a wonderful time to both of you. Love, Jermaine Blackned.

Jordan K. and I will be celebrating our 10th birthday on the 10th of Aug.. And I would like to wish him a happy birthday! Hope you have fun. From your buddy Stephane B. also, happy birthday to his brother Warren K. on Aug. 1, 1999. Have fun!

Happy birthday to Jimmy James Einish. From Lois, Job, Patrick, Timothy, Lazarus, Shirley, Nigel and your grandchildren James, Jobena and Francis.

102- WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Rodney and Dolores who had their weddings on a Aug. 12 1999. Also Dale Kelly Mark and Hannah on Aug. 27, 1999. With love, Reggie, Minnie and brothers and sisters. Wemindji.

Congratulations to my niece and friend Faith Gunner and her fiancé, Sandy Coon Come on their upcoming wedding on Aug. 27. Marriage joins two people in the circle of its love. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness. Love and prayers Emily B. Diamond.

We want to congratulate Ruby and Stephane Meloatem on their wedding day on Aug. 14, 1999. And Louise and John Tooma on Aug. 21 1999. Congratulations on your wedding day to you all. Wishing you all the best of life's good things, the happiness of being loved. Hugs and kisses to all. Have a wonderful time on your wedding day. Good luck to your future. From Michael, Jeannie and the kids.

We, Marcel Jason Cooper and Kimberly Karen Gull would like to announce that we are getting married on Aug. 28, 1999 in Parc des Chutes de Chapais.

103-ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 1st wedding anniversary to Delanna and Ronald Blackned on Aug. 14. I want to wish you both all the happiness you deserve. With love, Erica Gilpin (Wemindji)

I want to wish my husband John Matt a happy 17th anniversary on Sept. 10, 1999. I love you so much. With love, you're wife, Paula Matt.

Happy second anniversary to my husband Martin on Aug. 22. Our love gets stronger ever. I love you my dear. God bless you anywhere you go. Love always your wife, Lucie. Psssst.... You will always be in my heart.

Happy 19th Anniversary to Emily & Eddie Sam on August 6th. Love Always... Lily, Leslie, Jordan and L. Paul.

Happy 34th Anniversary to Mom & Dad (Tom & Eliza Webb) on August 6th, 1999. We wish you both good health and happiness for today and years to come. Lots of love from Leslie, Lily, Jordan, L. Paul, Ernie, Catherine, Kataleen, Rachel, Sandra, Mark, Alex, Vincent, Gary & Brian.

To Georgette & Lindy Mark-Stewart We would like to wish you both "happy 4th anniversary" on Aug 5th. And Georgie, please take good care of the bundle of joy your caring, rest & take care agooday. From Liane, Redfern, Boboys, Maxine & Kevin. xoxoxo...

Belated Anniversary greetings going out to James & Alice MacDonald who celebrated their 27th on July 1st!! Many more to come!! Love your kiddies, Jenny-Pooh, Corn, JR, Charlie Brown and your babes Gaily-Gail.

Happy Belated Anniversary Grampa & Granny Mac!! Love Always your handsome grandbabies, Byron-Dude, Correy Dylon, Mytchie-Pooh & Masie-Pooh.

On Aug. 17, 1996, I, Bella Marlene Petawabano Loon pledged my unconditional and undying love and devotion to a wonderful man. We promised each other a life based on trust, of sharing dreams and of being one in God's eyes. To this day, my love for my husband has grown and my heart has found love beyond its reach. My dear



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husband, Clifford, you are my one and only and although we are celebrating three wonderful years of marriage, I feel as though our lives together have only just begun. Love doesn't ask why nor has my heart... Happy third anniversary!!!

We want to wish a happy 16th anniversary to John and Laurie Brien on Sept. 9, 1999. With love, John and Paula Matt.

Happy 39th anniversary to Stephen and Margaret Pepabano on Aug. 22, 1999. From your children and grandchildren.

Happy anniversary to a special man in my life Paul Diamond on Sept. 2. No words can express my love for you. All I can say is you complete me. Love always, your wife. Dah!

Happy 19th anniversary to Mr. And Mrs. Sandy Robinson. Love always, your children, Kenneth, Glenda, Loretta, Jessica and your grandchildren, Roxanne, Dakota, Raven and Jobena.

104-GRADUATIONS

A big Congratulations goes out to my best friend Charlene Wapachee who graduated this year at E.L.M.S High School. Congratulations follow your dreams and never give up. girl! I'm so proud of you especially to my sister Sharon B/ned I Love you both so much. thought I'd let the world know that my baby sister is smarter than me and Charlene is always there for me, your wonderful friendship will always be a part of my life I wish you nothing but the best in life to both of you. Hope! you girls had a blast and a wonderful time. from your friend and sister Cynthia Blackned. To: Jamie Sutherland in Moose Factory. Congratulations YOU DID IT! HORRRAY keep going and Good luck in College. Take really good of yourselves.

300-PERSONALS

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I Nannie Iserhoff (mother) living at 323 Mistissini Boulevard, Mistissini Lake will present at Directeur de l'Etat Civil, asking to change the name Samuel Andrew Blacksmith to Victor Samuel Andrew Blacksmith. Nannie Iserhoff.

Seeking email pen pals. Males or females, doesn't matter. I am a female. Just write to me at my email address, Guess_me55@hotmail.com. Just tell me about yourself and I'll tell you about myself when I write back. I promised to respond soon! Hope you write to me!

Looking for a long lost friend "Rolland Laroche". Si tu me reconnais appelle moi.

Indice: Tu as appeler ta fille apres moi.

A big hello to my friend in Waswanipi Patricia Cathy Trapper hi there how r u? doing me I'm great over here I miss u already hope to see u soon! pal expect your letter soon! BYE BYE FRIEND FROM: CYNTHIA LONGCHAP (MIST)

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600-LOVERS AND SECRET ADMIRERS

Hi to Alain Oblin from Waswanipi. I'm expressing my true feelings on the classifieds

because I want you to know that I really like you. The first time you and I spoke to each other you really captured my heart. There are times I always catch myself thinking about you Alain. There's something about you I can't resist. You were so nice to me. To tell you the truth, you are a very attractive guy. You're beautiful smile, you're handsome face is always, I mean always on my mind and I hope you and I talk again. From a secret admirer (you know me) remember the letter?

To my lost love, Am I naive to believe in soul mates? That we were meant to be. I put my trust in fate, to show me. Time and distance held us apart, and I let you go. Not following my heart, and fearing the unknown. Now I would do anything and everything to prove my love. Will we find our way back to each other? You are the one and there is none above. I will love you, always & forever

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